



FALL 2022

# 1st District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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## We Are The First!



*Proudly Representing Bayside, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay*

### Committee Assignments

- Finance, Chair
- Audit

### What Services Does Milwaukee County Provide and Manage?

#### Airport

- Mitchell Field

#### County Court System

- Courthouse
- County Clerk
- Clerk of Courts
- Register of Deeds
- Treasurer

#### County Roads

- Plowing-Snow Removal
- Repairing & Replacement

#### Cultural

- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Historical Society
- Charles Allis Art Museum
- Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum
- Mental Health Services
- Behavioral Health

#### Park System

- Boerner Botanical Gardens
- Golf Courses
- Lakefront
- The Domes
- Pools
- County Parks

#### Milwaukee Transit System

#### Sheriff's Department

- House of Correction
- Courthouse
- Expressways
- Jail

### Dear District 1 Neighbor,

Hello! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather and getting excited for the holidays. I want to welcome the residents of Shorewood and Whitefish Bay to District 1. It is a pleasure representing you on the County Board along with the residents of Fox Point, Bayside, River Hills and Glendale. Over the past eight months I have really enjoyed hearing from you and seeing you at community events.

In the month of October, I led the Committee on Finance in the consideration of the 2023 Milwaukee County Budget. Together with the input of our residents, we worked to pass an equitable budget that helps support the institutions that we value the most in our County. See inside for more details on the budget and the ARPA task force, an advisory committee that I had the pleasure of serving on that guided the disbursement of \$180 million in federal relief funds.

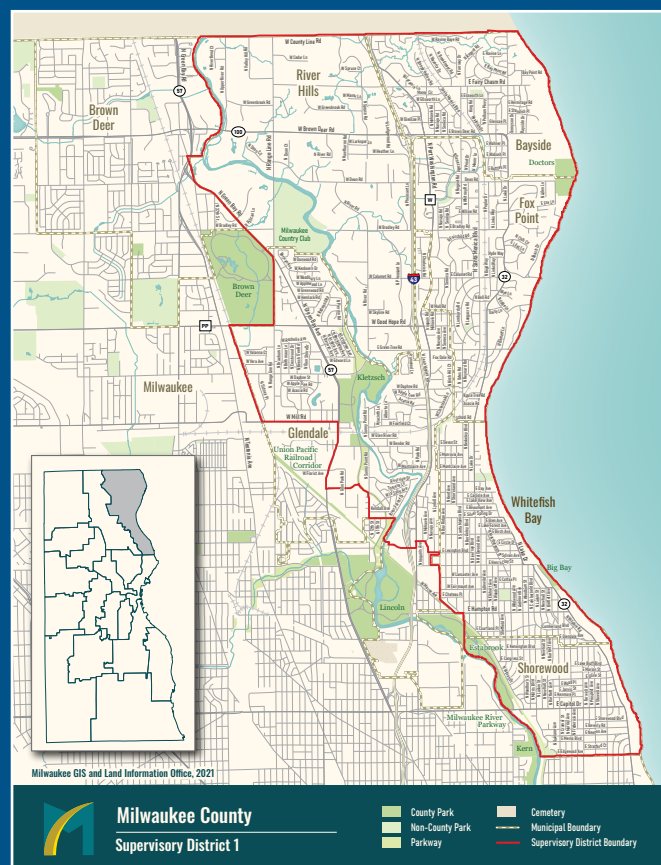
Please feel free to reach out with any comments, concerns, or requests for services you may have. My e-mail address is [liz.sumner@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:liz.sumner@milwaukeecountywi.gov) and my office phone is (414) 278-4280. In addition, I encourage you to sign up for my e-newsletter and follow me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SupervisorLizSumner](https://www.facebook.com/SupervisorLizSumner) to stay up to date on all news and happenings from the county and District 1.

It is my continued honor to serve as your Milwaukee County District 1 Supervisor. I wish for you and your family a happy, safe, and relaxing holiday season

Sincerely,

**Liz Sumner**  
District 1 Supervisor

### The New District 1



District 1 includes the municipalities of Bayside, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay and Big Bay Park, Doctors Park, East Side Bike Trail, Estabrook Park, Kletzsch Park, and Milwaukee River Parkway.

## Milwaukee County Recommended Budget Avoids Major Service Cuts, But Fiscal Cliff Looms

Milwaukee County is in the midst of another budget season. On Thursday, September 29 County Executive David Crowley presented his \$1.37 billion 2023 Recommended Budget.

Direct revenue such as golf fees, beer garden sales, and venue rentals make up the largest portion of revenues at 27.6%. Property taxes make up 22.8%. Other major sources of funding in this budget include sales taxes, federal and state revenues, and bond and note proceeds.

Unfortunately, every Milwaukee County budget starts with a gap that must be filled in order to balance it. The budget gap arises every year because of something we call the structural deficit, where expenditures grow faster than revenues. The annual structural budget gap is about \$12.6 million for 2023. Finding a permanent solution to the structural deficit is a top priority of Milwaukee County officials.

This year's budget was aided by some good fortune in a couple of areas which averted major cuts and allowed for some targeted investments that align with the County's strategic plan. Robust growth in the county's current 0.5% sales tax revenue helped stave off service cuts. \$25 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds filled a gap in mass transit funding for this year, though the County Executive did include reduced service for routes 34, 52, 88, and 92.

One major capital project included in this year's Recommended Budget is a \$62.9 million allocation of general obligation bonds to fund a new Forensic Science Center which would house the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's office, the county's Office of Emergency Management, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice Milwaukee Crime Lab. The project also recently received \$20 million from the State of Wisconsin and about \$20 million from the county's ARPA funds. Construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2023.

Also in the County Executive's Recommended Budget is a proposal to rename the House of Correction to the Community Reintegration Center. Along with the rebrand the proposal would fund new positions, improved food quality, reduced phone usage charges, and contracts related to psychiatric social work and mental health issues.

The Parks Department was the beneficiary of a \$1.5 million increase over last year in the Recommended Budget. This includes a net of 17 new positions, primarily focused on park maintenance. Five outdoor pools are budgeted to be open for 2023. Golf, boat slip rental, and facility rental fees are proposed to increase.

While major service cuts have been avoided for another year, without a sustainable, long-term solution to its growing structural deficit Milwaukee County will have no local dollars for services such as parks, transit, or many of the human services residents rely on. Milwaukee County continues to work alongside the Move Forward MKE coalition to pursue a 1 percent local option sales tax, to be paired with property tax relief. The 1 percent sales tax is the county's best option to ensure the future of these services.

The County Board's budget process is led by the guiding principles of racial equity, preparation, collaboration, sustainability, and decorum championed by Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson. These guiding principles help create a constructive, focused, and respectful process that ensures all voices are heard.

## 2022 Legislative Update

I was proud to take the lead on several proposals before the Board including:

- Amended Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances relating to budget preparation to reduce unnecessary printing of budget materials
- Established a paid parental leave program for Milwaukee County employees
- Recognized April 30th, 2022, as National Therapy Animal Day to celebrate the service of therapy animals and their human handlers in our community.
- Called on the Wisconsin Attorney General to initiate a lawsuit against fossil fuel companies to seek justice for environmental and climate damages in Wisconsin Communities.



*Supervisor Sumner's Paid Parental Leave resolution was signed by County Executive Crowley at an event she hosted this fall.*

## Appointed Chair of Finance Committee

Following the Organizational meeting, Liz was appointed Chair of the Committee on Finance by the County Board Chair. The Committee on Finance reviews all county budget matters, taxation, and insurance. It also leads legislative deliberations and makes recommendations on the annual County Budget. Liz successfully guided the Committee on Finance through the 2023 Budget Process this fall.



*Liz chairing the Committee on Finance on September 15th.*



## Task Force Guides Spending of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

As a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the U.S. Congress provided Milwaukee County with \$183.6 million in federal funding. Milwaukee County has until the end of 2024 to decide how to spend its ARPA funding.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in July 2021 to create the ARPA Task Force, which provides recommendations to the County Board on how to allocate these federal funds. The Task Force is also charged with creating a process to broadly engage the public and ensure diverse input from the community.

Notable projects that have been recommended by the ARPA Task Force include:

- \$18M to support affordable housing development and rehab of Milwaukee County foreclosures for first-time homebuyers.
- \$4.2M to support eviction prevention services for Milwaukee County residents. The funds provide a flexible housing subsidy to address residents' need for emergency assistance. Funds also provide tenants facing eviction free legal representation.
- \$6.7M to support Milwaukee County's behavioral health programming. Programming will provide resources to combat the issues underlying urgent problems including an increase in gun violence, substance abuse, and other mental health concerns in Milwaukee County.
- \$1.1M to increase the purchase and consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables by matching the dollars of FoodShare for participants at participating Milwaukee County farmers' markets.
- \$70,260 in operational expenses associated with COVID-19 mitigation
- \$481,380 to coordinate the use of the Milwaukee County ARPA funds for programmatic and fiscal accountability, reporting, and alignment with other funding.
- \$4M to create and implement an evaluation plan to meet the U.S. Department of the Treasury requirements. The evaluation will allow Milwaukee County to establish data collection systems and processes to measure and report the impact of ARPA investments and continually refine the County's practices.
- \$24.2M to support 14 projects identified through the Milwaukee County Fiscal Health Challenge.

The Task Force has been meeting publicly since August of 2021. Information on how to submit ideas to the ARPA Task Force, as well as records of allocated funds can be found at [county.milwaukee.gov/arpa.taskforce](https://county.milwaukee.gov/arpa.taskforce).

Get up-to-date information on FREE Milwaukee County Attractions at:



[county.milwaukee.gov/freedays](https://county.milwaukee.gov/freedays)

## 2022 Supervisor Swearing-In

Liz was sworn into office by County Clerk George Christenson for her second term on Monday, April 14th, 2022. For the first time in two years, Supervisors were able to participate in a hybrid meeting.



## Summer Celebration

Liz had a great time handing out ice cream at this year's Shorewood Library Summer Celebration on August 5th. Attendees got to enjoy music from Frogwater, a Culver's sundae bar, trolley rides, games, balloons, and so much more.



*Liz enjoys events like these where she gets to connect with her constituents. She hopes to see you at a community event soon.*



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## Energy Assistance is Available

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment\* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!



### 1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

### 2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.

- Apply October 1 - May 15.
- Visit **KeepWarmMKE.org** or
- Call **270-4MKE (4653)**. Dial 211 for after-hours help.

### 3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are conducted by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

*\*Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)*



For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

**[county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC](http://county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC)**

# Service Guide for 1st District Milwaukee County Residents

## 1st District Milwaukee County Supervisor

**Liz Sumner** ..... (414) 278-4280

**Aging and Disability Resource Center** ..... (414) 289-6874

### Airports

Mitchell International Airport ..... (414) 747-5300

Timmerman Airport ..... (414) 461-3222

**Child Support Enforcement** ..... (414) 615-2593

**Clerk of Circuit Court** ..... (414) 278-5362

**County Clerk** ..... (414) 278-4067

**County Executive** ..... (414) 278-4211

**County Treasurer** ..... (414) 278-4033

### Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) ..... (414) 278-5362

Criminal Division ..... (414) 278-4538

Children's Court ..... (414) 257-7700

**Dept. of Health and Human Services** ..... (414) 289-6897

**District Attorney's Office** ..... (414) 278-4646

**Election Commission** ..... (414) 278-4060

### Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) ..... (414) 278-4788

TDD Emergency ..... (414) 278-5252

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) ..... (414) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours) ..... (414) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention/

Mental Health Crisis ..... (414) 257-7222

**Fraud Hotline** ..... (414) 93-FRAUD

**House of Correction** ..... (414) 427-4700

### Jury Services

General Information ..... (414) 278-4469

Reserve Juror Message ..... (414) 985-6000

**Marcus Performing Arts Center** ..... (414) 273-7121

**Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic** ..... (414) 278-4067

**Medical Examiner** ..... (414) 223-1200

**Milwaukee Art Museum** ..... (414) 224-3200

**Milwaukee County Historical Society** ..... (414) 273-8288

### Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens ..... (414) 525-5600

General Information ..... (414) 257-7275

Parks Hotline ..... (414) 257-5100

Organized Sports ..... (414) 257-8030

Golf Office ..... (414) 257-8024

### District 1 Parks

Big Bay Park ..... (414) 964-0064

Doctors Park ..... (414) 352-7502

East Side Bike Trail

Estabrook Park ..... (414) 964-0064

Kletzsch Park ..... (414) 461-0839

Milwaukee River Parkway ..... (414) 461-0839

**Milwaukee County Zoo** ..... (414) 771-3040

**Milwaukee County Sports Complex** ..... (414) 281-2694

**Milwaukee Public Museum** ..... (414) 278-2702

### Municipalities

Bayside ..... (414) 206-3915

Fox Point ..... (414) 351-8900

Glendale ..... (414) 228-1700

River Hills ..... (414) 352-8213

Shorewood ..... (414) 847-2700

Whitefish Bay ..... (414) 962-6690

**Office of Persons with Disabilities** ..... (414) 278-3932

**Register in Probate** ..... (414) 278-4444

**Register of Deeds** ..... (414) 278-4021

**Rent Assistance** ..... (414) 278-4902

### Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares ..... (414) 344-6711

Customer Comments ..... (414) 937-3218

Transit Plus ..... (414) 343-1700

**UW-Extension** ..... (414) 256-4600

**Veterans Services** ..... (414) 266-1234

**Victim/Witness Service** ..... (414) 278-4667